

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2054 - SB 2048

February 14, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013623): Removes the authority of an individual acting as a funeral director to both file a death certificate and to be the recipient of a notice by the attending physician or medical examiner of the reason for delay of the medical certification. Allows a medical examiner or attending or pronouncing physician to file a death certificate and to obtain personal data from the next of kin or best qualified person or source available.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-3-502(b), the funeral director, or person acting as funeral director, who first assumes custody of the dead body shall file the death certificate. The funeral director is required to obtain the personal data from the next of kin or the best qualified person or source available.
- Any additional workload for the medical examiners or attending or pronouncing physicians to file the death certificate and obtain personal data can be accomplished within existing resources and without a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Removing certain authorities of an individual acting as a funeral director will not have any significant fiscal impact to state or local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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